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Note and Comment

When the Saturday News went to press a week ago very little information was available as to what had caused what looked like a genuine upheaval in provincial politics. The only thing that anyone was sure of was that Mr. Cushing had resigned from the Cabinet and that he was not in accord with the policy of the government in respect to the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway. This week we are still almost as much in the dark. Mr. Boyle has given notice of a resolution of considerable length, setting forth in the preamble certain objections to the agreement between the railway and the government and making two proposals. The first is that the government proceed to expropriate the company's property and proceed to build the line itself, a commission of three members being appointed by the legislature. The second is contained in the final clause, which reads as follows:

"And further resolved, that as the distance between Edmonton and Fort McMurray, is not 350 miles but is only in direct line 230 miles, there should be set aside of the said sum of \$7,400,000 a sufficient sum for the purpose of constructing said railway from Edmonton to Fort McMurray, in a first class manner, and by whatever route will best serve the interests of the railway and present as well as future possible settlement and the balance of said sum of \$7,400,000 shall be used for the construction of a railway or railways, in whatever portion of the province the legislature may determine."

It was expected that Mr. Boyle would move his resolution on Wednesday and that in the debate which would follow the whole matter at issue would be thoroughly threshed out. Mr. Cushing stating what led up to his resignation. But a dispute in regard to the bringing down of the papers bearing on the controversy has led to another postponement. At the time of writing, it is understood that Mr. Boyle will take the floor this (Friday) afternoon.

Except in a few isolated cases, where there has been evident a strong desire to make political capital before the facts of the situation were brought out, there has been a disposition on the part of the press to reserve judgment till the critics of the government have stated their case and Mr. Rutherford and his colleagues have had an opportunity to reply. This is the only course open to a journal which is inspired by the proper motives.

If it is granted that it is desirable to have railway communication established with the northern part of the province, which the A. & G. W. proposes to penetrate, the question that we must satisfy ourselves in regard to is whether in the bargain which the administration has made, the public interests are properly safe-guarded. Suspicion has been directed to it on two points. It has been stated that there is no certainty that the line will be completed to Fort McMurray, that it is possible for the company to collect the guarantee at the rate of \$20,000 per mile on the first part of the road, where construction is assumed to be less expensive than on the last part, and then abandon the work a considerable sum of money to the good. To those who know the extent of the preparations for the work, the large and high-salaried staff which is in the employ of the company, and the very considerable operations which will have to be carried on over the whole route before a mile of road is in such shape as to call for the paying over of any of the guarantee money, this suspicion does not look to be well founded. But the impending debate should show definitely whether it is or not.

A more important criticism of the contract is to the effect that the province is not certain that when the road is completed, it will be a sufficiently valuable property to serve as a security for the \$20,000 per mile which has been guaranteed by the treasury. This should be made perfectly clear. Various figures have been bandied about as to what it costs per mile to construct such a road as is called for in the specifications. According to these, it is to be of the general standard of the Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R. Just what this cost per mile has not been stated. But it is certain that it is at least well up to the average of Canadian railroads and the average cost per mile of the railroads of the Dominion is placed by a recent report

of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Department of Labor at \$60,054. The average in the United States is \$55,361. In view of the fact that the A. & G. W. is being constructed in an unsettled district, the cost is bound to be higher than of the same class of road built in closer proximity to population. These are facts which must lessen the alarm that the road will not be a sufficiently good one to warrant the pledging of the province's credit in connection with it. Possibly the government's critics, however, may have something to say which will show that there is really reason for disquietude on this score.

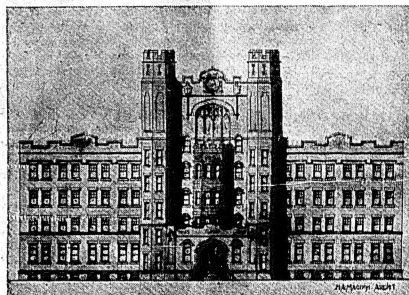
These are the two points of attack that have attracted the most attention up to the present and the debate will probably centre for the most part about them.

As to the second proposal made by Mr. Boyle, that contained in the clause quoted above, there is no excuse for reserving judgment. It is one that could not be adopted without damaging the credit of the province so seriously that it would be years before it could recover from the effect. Whatever

cannot be trusted or if there is such a small majority against this resolution that it is apparent that there has been a danger of such action as the resolution calls for, we cannot expect them to make any investments within our borders. The situation is a very serious one and it is to be hoped very earnestly that the members of the legislature will appreciate the fact and will act accordingly.

It is denied very emphatically in "insurgent" circles that the perennial controversy of north and south has anything to do with the situation that has developed within the past two weeks. But the utterances of some of the papers in the south of the province, led by the Calgary Herald, certainly give color to the suspicion. The Coleman Miner goes so far as to tell its readers that the south has been "slaughtered to make a Rutherford holiday for the north" and to urge that the example of the Dakotas be followed and two provinces be established. That there is bitter feeling in the south of the province everyone is aware, but that it would lead to the adoption of such a suggestion as the Miner's is incredible. It was inevitable that

The New Alberta College



At the meeting of the senate of the university of Alberta last week, the plans for the new building to be erected by Alberta College on the university property were approved of. It will be thoroughly in keeping with the university itself. The cost will be \$100,000 and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of October of the present year. Work is already being done in clearing the site and in assembling materials. Mr. H. A. Magoon is the architect and the plans are creditable to him in every way. The structure will be in Gothic style with pressed brick and cut stone trimmings. The Hart A. Massey estate has contributed \$50,000 to the building fund on condition that \$50,000 more is raised by the board. There will be four stories with a basement. The dimensions are given as 165 by 43 feet, with a wing in the rear 43 by 63 feet. The main entrance on the ground floor opens on a large rotunda with offices and waiting rooms to left

and right. Provision is made for male and female teachers' private rooms, a library and six class rooms constructed so that at some future time they may be made into dormitories. The first floor of the wing in the rear gives accommodation for 13 beds. The second floor is provided with eight-foot corridors, a parlor, and accommodation for 26 beds. On this floor of the wing is the large dining room which will seat 125 people. In the rear of the dining room are the kitchen and pantries.

Dormitories and toilet rooms for 30 students are located on the third storey with an alcove and clothes closet for each bed. On the fourth storey is the assembly hall, which will have a seating capacity of 400. In the basement are two gymnasiums, servants' quarters, boiler room and store room. The building is provided with a freight elevator and two central stair cases from the basement to the fourth floor.

we may think of the A. & G. W. bargain, and whether or not it is possible, as the resolution calls for, to expropriate the line before it is built, no one should have any doubt as to the last clause, once it is realized just what it means. This money was not loaned to the province and it does not belong to it. It was loaned by a group of London investors to a corporation for the purpose of enabling the latter to build a certain line of railway. In the meantime it is entrusted to the care of the provincial government as security for the guarantee which it has given. But if the government deliberately takes part of this money, as Mr. Boyle suggests, and turn it to other purposes than that for which it has been loaned it will be calmly assuming possession of what is not its property. This is out-and-out confiscation and will make a continuance of relations with the money market an impossibility. Nothing could throw a greater damper on our prospects. If we are to develop we have to have money for all kinds of undertakings. But if the leaders of the financial world find that the government of Alberta

there should be a struggle over the location of the Capital. It was not made a party question and each of the contending cities was able to present a strong case. Edmonton was finally chosen, not by the votes of those north of Red Deer exclusively it should be remembered. Once the decision was made, however, there was a disposition to bow gracefully to it on the part of those who had supported the claims of Calgary. Then the university question arose. Calgary expected to secure the provincial seat of higher learning as a consolation prize. When Strathcona was chosen there was increased bitterness. The Saturday News does not think that, looking well into the future, the government made any mistake in placing the university close to the seat of government. But looking at the matter purely from the standpoint of politics, it was a mistake. The question of university location was not submitted to the legislature as that in respect to the Capital had been. It was the Liberal party, as represented by the Cabinet, which was responsible for this second disappointment and

it had to expect a weakening of its position in the south as a result. That it made, in the face of this undoubted resentment, such a good showing in that part of the province at the general elections, was very remarkable and indicated two things very clearly, that its general record had been an excellent one and that its opponents were in a thoroughly disorganized state. But the seed of future trouble remained and has developed more speedily than most people thought likely.

The government's plans in regard to the agricultural college have met with much opposition of late. But gradually it is coming to be recognized that the university having given a certain location, the agricultural college should go with it. The Medicine Hat Times gives expression to a moderate southern opinion this week when it says:

"The Times is not in favor of the agricultural college being at Strathcona, if we were beginning to choose sites. Nor is it in favor of the university being there. But we hold that where one is the other ought to be. One is part of the other and centralization of the units of a university in the best policy. But the university is settled at Strathcona. Therefore the agricultural college should go too. Or else change both."

Sir James Whitney, the premier of Ontario, is a very exceptional politician. He is in the habit of doing and saying what he likes and his policy doesn't appear to work out badly either. Even in an old province like Ontario, sectional movements arise. The other day a deputation waited upon him to ask aid for the Western University at London. When the members arrived, he read from a pamphlet that had been circulated in behalf of their claim:

"The Government ought to divert a portion of the money it spends on two favored universities to help the cause of higher education in Western Ontario. It is only justice we ask, and we demand justice."

Then he thundered: "If I hadn't read these words with my own eyes I would not have believed that such a reputable body of men as are here before me today would have allowed such a motion to be made. These words are without foundation in fact. They are absolutely untrue."

With fine scorn he went on: "Asked to divert money away from the great Provincial University. We can't do that and we would not if we could. London has no claim for recognition. I deny it." There is no misunderstanding of Sir James' meaning when he expresses an opinion.

When so much is appearing in the newspapers about the cost of living a list which the Labor Gazette publishes this month is of exceptional interest. It gives the retail prices of staple commodities on Jan. 15th in different cities of the Dominion. Calgary represents Alberta. It seems that the people there get their sirloin steak at as reasonable a price as in any of the other places, with one exception, 15 cents a pound. Kingston pays only 12½¢, but Halifax, Toronto and Vancouver householders are mulcted for 20 cents, and St. John for 22 cents, Winnipeg, Woodstock, (Ont.), London and Port Arthur for 18 cents. Veal is also fairly reasonable at 10 cents, as compared with 15 cents in London and Port Arthur. Toronto, strange to say, pays only 8 cents, and Winnipeg 6 cents. What accounts for this divergence? Bacon is below the average price in Calgary, 20 cents, as compared with 30 in Victoria, and 25 in Winnipeg on the one hand, and 15 cents in Charlottetown on the other. At 12½¢, mutton is above the average, ranging from 15 cents in London and Toronto to 6 cents in Winnipeg. Calgary is a top-notch in the egg line, sharing with Winnipeg the highest price, 60 cents. In Woodstock, London and Montreal 35 cents is paid and 30 cents in Charlottetown. Only in Victoria is a higher price paid for milk, 12 cents. In Calgary, it is 10 cents per quart, in Woodstock, London, 6 cents, and in Charlottetown 5 cents. Butter at 25 cents is an average price. Charlottetown and Kingston stand in the lowest position, 23 cents. Potatoes are, however, a great luxury, Calgary paying \$1.40 per bag. Kingston only pays 40 cents and Toronto 70 cents. Even Vancouver and Victoria pay but \$1.25.

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From his old eyes a flickering rapid glint.

Unto the last his palsied hand a thin.
Keeps of the gesture large and equal grace
That one swept free a cuff of flowing lace
To proffer snuff or pick a pistol flint.

Some deep-ashed spark the time's rude mirth deters.
As in some missal where officers Of elder day with patient craft did limn
The margins—though the page and print be dim,
The virtues of the school that molded him
Flash forth in fadless golden characters.
—Charles T. Rogers, in The Forum.

The man wore a soft velvet crush hat, one of those stinging innovations that always seem to shriek out at one, but he was otherwise an ordinary brisk looking little man, ambling down the hotel corridor.

It was quite by accident I ran across him. I was "doing" the hotel, and the next thing I knew the velvet hat was in his hand, and I was being assured that he would be only too delighted to show madame that most wonderful of all inventions, the telegraphone, which he had the distinguished honor of introducing into the Capital City of Alberta. (Rising inflection on the last two syllables).

Quite frankly he simulated a good deal more enthusiasm in showing madame that wonder of wonders than the lady herself had any idea of feeling. That was of course before the downy black hat was laid lovingly on the bed, and the small man began to prance around the modest little machine, and get busy.

Now I am not by way of advertising the Telephonone. I merely mention it by name in order that you may get some glimpse of sense out of the events immediately following.

I think—in fact I am rather positive—that the performance was prefaced by what is known as a "talk," or dissertation on the instrument before us, a simple-looking contrivance with a two-spool arrangement winding five miles of very thin wire.

Of that part of the programme I am not very well posted to speak, seeing that I didn't listen to two words of what the alert, polite agent was reciting off to us. But I did sit up and take notice when he of the Black Hat switched that queer little business on to the automatic phone, and requested me to call up my own

office. I spoke as you speak a dozen times a day into your ordinary automobile telephones.

"Was the editor in? No—well I wouldn't wait. Yes, I was doing the hotel. Yes, Mr. Mc— was showing to us, and now as I slipped two which I got the customary answers and queries from the other end. Ding-a-ling. That was all.

But that little wire had been listening to us, and now as I slipped two receivers over my ears, I heard in my own voice, inflection perfect, what I had said, and what he had said, every syllable startlingly distinct.

That was bad enough. Then, as you can see, I simply had to listen to other things that "devil-machine" could do. "Supposing," said he, "that Madame Peggy has to go out for a couple of hours. Madame simply steps to her phone, with its telegraphone attachment, and says quietly, 'Madame Peggy will not return for two hours, just leave your message.' Which the other end proceeds to do.

Madame returns, presses a button, and the elfish thing reels off the messages in the persons own voice recorded in the interim. While at the same time Other End, without a soul at my end had had my parting message. Now, isn't the thing uncanny. But listen:

"Madame is a busy woman, too much engaged to have time for her correspondence. Why bother? Just step to Little Telephonone and speak in the message, having first connected another small arrangement, and on a disc is the spoken letter. Enclose this in an envelope and Mother or Bob or Jane by recourse to their public Telephonone for a penny in the slot, or their private one, read—rather listen—to the letter."

As I said I am not advertising the concern, otherwise I might tell you any number of other equally interesting facts regarding it. I have told you this much to call your attention to the possibilities it opens out.

We will leave the Skylark Holmes aspect of the machine quite out of the question, that is in so far as its usefulness for professional services are concerned, but with horror let us turn to its sleuth-like possibilities in the bosom of the family.

Mamma, a foolish little person, goes out a-bridging in the evening. Pater stays at home—Pater is bored. Ah! let us hear how wise dear has spent the day; who has phoned; the latest news. And, out of her own mouth and by it convicted with the silly stream of talk be faithfully repeated for his benefit.

With this machine in common use, will Ananias find his occupation gone; Sapphira her little deceptions exposed to her liege lord's horrified gaze?

But the thing will work both ways. No longer will Charles be able to get his partner to give him a hurry-up call from the club. The game of hide and seek will be over, both sides of the house will henceforth walk discreetly.

The old correspondence lies will all, too, have to be called in. "My pen is bad," "I had no decent paper." Everyone can snatch time for a word if not for a pen scratch.

"Sing your mother a song," proceeded the agent; "recite her favorite piece. Slip it in the post-box and she does the rest." And yet we sing: "It is really worse than tragic. To have lost that lovely magic. For we need it in our business now."

Shades of burned witches! Were your feats greater than this?

Of course the Velvet Hat laid stress on the revolution his firm's invention would bring about in many spheres, but even as he said the words it came to me that some revolutions were things to avoid rather than to welcome.

Had this invention flourished several centuries ago, where would be the wealth of written words, of letters, we have today?

Everything would have been spoken, have vanished into thin air, have been recorded and rubbed off a disc, leaving no trace that it had been.

There is a danger, it seems to me, of making life too effortless. Whatever has endured through all the ages has been brought about by toil and perseverance, and so, please be, it will be to the end. You see, I am getting on in years, and some of the new-fangled notions and inventions seem just a trifle too wizard-like to take my fancy.

PEGGY.

WITH THE PRESS AGENTS

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The last changes of program at this well-known theatre have given a pleasing variety of subjects. The film "Papa Passes" is an adaptation of Robert Browning's masterpiece. The great calamities which were averted by the little silk-spinner's song, show us that one little act of goodness will overcome the greatest evils. In this picture the Biograph Co. presents a most artistic subject, handled in a manner never before excelled, with keen appreciation of its poetic and dramatic value. "Cattle Thieves" drew a large house as it is a true incident of our Royal Mounted Police at Medicine Hat. The cruelty of the chieftain is a strong contrast to the heroic stand taken by Serg. Chardon. The torture inflicted on him and final capture of the villainous band makes a thrilling drama and holds our close attention from start to finish. "Christian from the Birthday of Christ to the present Century" is a novel film of much educational value. In it we see how Christmas was kept through the different periods and ends with a cheerful modern Christmas party. As a masterpiece of scenic photography "The Sunny South of France" can hold its own. All the beauties of the Riviera were depicted in a charming style, and aroused the interest of the

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bridge or Titanic tunnel?

A London dispatch says: "The en-
gagements of Madame Adeline Gene-
e, the dancer, now with The Silver Star,
to Frank S. Lait of London is an-
nounced. The marriage will take place
in London on the 1st of March. She
will appear on the stage but one more season."
Those who have seen the Madame
will agree that Mr. Lait's name fits
him to a nicety.

"Is there a preacher on this train?"
asked a large deep-voiced man as he
passed from one sleeper to another,
as the C. N. R. train had about passed
the halfway mark between Edmonton
and Winnipeg.

At last, after he had loudly repeated
his query for the fifth or sixth time
a grave-looking gentleman laid aside
a book and rose from his seat near one
end of the car.

"I have the privilege of being a min-
ister of the gospel, sir," he said, "Can
I be of any service to you?"

"Yes," said the large passenger. "A
fellow back in the dining car bet me
\$2 that I wasn't Lait's wife who got
Joseph into trouble, and I thought you
might have a Bible with you so that I
could prove that he was wrong and
get the money."

A negro was arrested, charged with
robbing a train. Upon appearance
he was asked by the judge
whether he was the plaintiff or defend-
ant. He replied:

"I dunno, judge, but I see the man
dat stole the chicken."

The judge told him that he should
not make such an appearance and
asked him if he had a lawyer.

He replied: "No, judge."

Upon being told that he ought to
get a lawyer, he replied, "I don't want
no lawyer."

"But," said the judge, "it is right
for you to have a lawyer, and the
state demands that you be represented
by counsel."

He again replied: "Deed, I don't
want no lawyer."

The judge, somewhat irritated, asked:

"Why don't you want a lawyer?"

and the negro replied:

"Cause, judge, I want dat chicken
fo' myself."

Old Lady—"What is the title of the
picture, dear?"

Daughter—"Dogs," after Sir Edwin
Lansdowne.

Old Lady—"I can see the dogs, but
where on earth is Lansdowne?"—M. A.
P.

He had an affectionate wife, and she
used to say to him, "William, you
should not take too much whisky.
When you have had as much as you
think is enough for you, you should
ask for sarsaparilla." "That's just
where you make a mistake, Matilda,"
said he. "When I've had as much as
I want, I can't say sarsaparilla."

Mr. Alfred Ranger, an old election
agent who has just retired, gives us
a story of Disraeli in his Aylesbury
days. He was speaking from the bal-
cony of the George Hotel to a great
crowd in the market square, when a
cattle dealer shouted, "Speak up, Dis-
raeli!" "That's the great man made
answer: "Were my voice as loud as
thunder, and my words as sharp as
flints, my saying would never pen-
etrate the shiek skull of my Radical
friend John Ivaas."

Every election contest brings out
a new list of stories. Here are some
that fit this retail:

During the height of the recent con-
test a speaker at one meeting was
somewhat irritated by a member of
the audience who continually repeated,
"We won't have our food taxed; no
taxes on food." But it was not long
before he silenced the interrupter
with the cutting remark: "Console
yourself, my friend; Joe isn't going to
tax shadfish."

"The voice" at another meeting
shouted out: "Talk to us in a language
we can understand," because a speaker
had quoted some Latin phrases. Like
a flash came he cry from the plat-
form "Hee-haw! Hee-haw!" And the
heckler vanished.

The son of a certain lord was ad-
dressing a meeting and was inter-
rupted every few seconds by "the
voice" saying "I'm good as you;
what's the difference 'tween you and me?"
Suddenly the answer came, "One dif-
ference is that you drink and don't
work, and I work but don't drink."

Lord Morley is one of the few
political speakers who can silence a
heckler with a smiling retort as ef-
fectively as the famous Campbell of
Monie, who when he asked an Edin-
burgher to vote for him at the next
election received the angry answer, "Vote for
me I'd sooner vote for Satan him-
self!" sweetly replied, "Yes; but if
your friend doesn't stand, may I de-
pend upon your support?"—a remark
that earned him a staunch adherent.

In order to thoroughly understand
what happened to the Skimmerhorn
it is necessary to explain that he is a
respectable citizen of mature years,
exemplary habits, and cautious rather
than hasty in his movements.

This, however, instead of account-
ing for the incident, only makes it
seem stranger.

Last Sunday evening, having turned
off the light in his room, on the
second floor of his dwelling, he started
downstairs. There happened to be a
sharp turn in the stairway at the
top, and as he put out his hand to
grasp the post he missed it and began
the descent of the Skimmerhorn stair-
way head foremost.

Here is where the action of the story
properly begins.

It is said—to digress for a moment
—that when a man is drowning he re-
calls, by a wonderful flash of memory,
every event in his past life. Whether
this be true or not, it is certain that
there are exigencies in a man's career
when his mind acts with marvellous
celerity. Mr. Skimmerhorn's mind be-
gan to act as soon as he felt himself
descending through the air sideways.

head first, and his meditations took
this form:

"You thundering old fool, what did
you want to do that for? There
wasn't the slightest necessity for your
tumbling down here in this fashion!
You're gone down there tens of thou-
sands of times! You know just where
the turn is, and you didn't need to
miss the post. What do you suppose
is going to happen to you, you blun-
dering old idiot? Which part of you
will you hit first? Where do you
think you are going to land? Should
you right if you get all bungled up?
The idea of a man with a grain of
common sense coming down an ordi-
nary stairway like this! Go it! I hope
you'll like it, you lunkhead!"

"Mr. Skimmerhorn had plenty of
time for these reflections before he
made his first contact with the stair-
way. He landed squarely on his head
on one of the carpeted steps half way
down, but his feet and body kept go-
ing.

"I'm turning what the boys call a
wagon wheel, all right," he cogitated;
and I'm demonstrating if anybody
should ask you, that the top of a wa-
gon wheel does move faster than the
bottom of it. I suppose I ought to be
thankful that these steps are padded.
Or is it my head that's soft? Keep a-
going, you blooming idiot! See how
many more things you can hit before
you get through this trip! You're not
all right so far. I wonder what's
the matter with the middle finger of
that right hand!"

These thoughts passed through Mr.
Skimmerhorn's mind in the inappreci-
able interval during which he was
swinging in the air and while his feet
were in the air he reached over with
his left hand to see what was the
matter. He found the middle finger
of the other hand bent at right angles
to the second joint.

"Queer feeling that," he reflected,
straightening it in the infinitesimal
fraction of a second, "and it doesn't
hurt half as bad as I always supposed
it would to have a finger knocked out
of joint. Unless I'm awfully mistaken
though, it will hurt tomorrow, and the
next day, and the next and the next.
I wonder what'll be good to take the
swelling out of it. I must have hit
another step with that finger when
I landed on my head. Great Caesar!

Something's going to happen pretty
soon, either to me or to the hall-stand.
That's the misery of it. When you
start on a fool trip of this kind you
don't know how you're going to bring
up. Any man who hasn't sense
enough to go downstairs in the right
way instead of throwing himself down
head first, QUOTED it, got a bump
on his kokol! Go it, you old fool!

The Lake of Oblivion

By the Khan in the Toronto Star

A very vast city is a great gulf
which swallows reputations made out-
side of it.

A brilliant Canadian clergyman is
being coaxed to forsake his home pul-
pit and to go to Chicago for bigger
money; but this skilled worker in the
vineyard has turned down the proposi-
tion and will stay where he is.

One night when I was a little boy,
they took me to the town hall to hear
Dr. Ormiston lecture. I have heard
all the crack orators since—Hon. J. W.
Ward Beecher, Theodore Tilton, Wendell
Phillips, John B. Gough, James
Fiske, Talmage, and men of that ilk
—but not one of them could hold a
candle to Dr. Ormiston, as Dr. Or-
miston was that night.

Dr. Ormiston was the minister of
the Central Church, Hamilton, but
he never left his native land and was
not sent to Chicago for bigger money,
but this skilled worker in the vine-
yard has turned down the proposi-
tion and will stay where he is. He was
the ideal of the people. He could
crowd any hall in Canada, if you go
into any old-fashioned Presbyterian
home on Ontario today, you will find
his picture in the album, if, indeed, it
is not framed on the wall. He was
the pride of this province. But Jerze-
bel's Nabobs' vineyard, New York
heard of this wonderful man and of-
fered him the salary of a bank presi-
dent to go thither and preach.

And he went.

The field, the prospect lured him,
and he went; but it was nothing more
or less than a tragedy. His going
was a calamity. It seemed like an
outrage. His name was a name to con-
jure with—

"One blast upon this bugle horn,
Was worth a thousand men."

Men and women sorrowed for him
as if he were dead—and he was dead,
in a certain sense. New York swal-
lowed him up, and he was practically
heard of no more. Years afterwards
I went to New York, and, boy-like,
believed his name would be,—must
be—as great as it was at home. But
no one knew Dr. Ormiston. Finally
I located him and found a bloodless
old man preaching a bloodless sermon
to a bloodless congregation in a big
building that looked like a casino.
Dr. Ormiston was not the only Cana-

dian who left his native land and was
sorry for it.

Great cities are a menace to the
country places—they suck the best
blood out of the villages and small
towns. If we get a good preacher, a
man with a fine delivery and a good
reader, a man who can make a good
after-dinner speech, and who can
make a funeral as enjoyable a func-
tion as a strawberry festival, we
know right away that we won't be
allowed to keep him. The process re-
minds me of the agents sent out by
the autans to pick up the prettiest
girls in the country for their harems.
It didn't matter whether they were
married or not, they took them away.

It takes a mighty big country re-
putation to stand the shock of trans-
planting to a great city. London, New
York, Paris and Toronto have snuffed
out a lot of small reputations. They
should have stayed in Tullock's Cor-
ners or Skink or wherever they hailed
from. But now they are out of it
for good. They were the biggest
thing that ever came down the seventh
concession at home, and now they
walk the whole length of King street
and no one knows them.

I don't suppose there is a young
preacher one in the fields but is sigh-
ing for a city pulpit. Foolish youth!
I don't believe there is one in every
half-dozen pulpits in Montreal, Ot-
tawa, Toronto, Hamilton, or Winni-
peg that is what you would call a snap.
The city preacher has enemies of his
own, and plenty of them. They are
hanging on by their eyebrows. There
is a sword hanging over their heads.
There is a hostile bunch in every
congregation. He has got to keep
up the receipts. Like the foreman in
the lumber woods, he has
got to get out so many logs no mat-
ter whether there's sleighing or not,
and float them to the booms whether
there's water or not. No wonder
some of them look laded.

If they lived in a manse or a nice old rectory
in the country and kept a few hens,
and had a potato patch and an orchard
and an old garden full of lilacs and
syringas, and cabbages and roses, and
smoke trees and wisteria, and holly-
hocks, it would take the strain off a
body.

Some of the "great" preachers in
town remind me of the old song
"Just Tell Them that You Saw Me."
"Nodded."

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horn completed his journey. He
found himself standing on his feet at
the foot of the stairway, having
just missed the fallback, and he was
still holding in his left hand the fin-
ger of his right hand, which was be-
ginning to hurt like sixty, and then
some.

"It is astonishing," commented Mr.
Skimmerhorn subsequently, "how
many things you can think of when
you are coming down a flight of stairs
in one bump and a whirl!"—Chicago
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Local Improvement Districts 28-M-4, 29-M-4, 30-M-4, 25-N-4, 26-N-4, 27-N-4, 28-N-4, 29-N-4, 25-P-4, 26-P-4, 27-P-4, 28-P-4, 29-P-4, 25-R-4, 26-R-4, 27-R-4, 28-R-4, 29-R-4, 25-S-4, 26-S-4, 27-S-4, 28-S-4, 29-S-4, 25-T-4, 26-T-4, 27-T-4, 28-T-4, 29-T-4, 30-T-4, 25-A-5, 26-A-5, 27-A-5, 28-A-5, 29-A-5, 30-A-5, 25-B-5, 26-B-5, 27-B-5, 28-B-5, 29-B-5, 30-B-5, 616, 617, 620 and 621.

And of Section 11 of The Education Tax Act in respect of lands situated within the following areas, viz—

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—Townships 57 N. of R. to 70 in Range 14, W. 4th M.

—Townships 49 to 70 in Ranges 15 to 28 inc. W. 4th M.

—Townships 49 to 70 in Ranges 1 to 8 inc. W. 5th M.

And of Section 67 of The Village Act in respect of the following vil-
lages, viz—

Village of Morinville.

And of Section 99 of The School Assessment Ordinance in respect of the following School Districts, viz—

School Districts Nos. 23, 24, 29, 75, 98, 212, 222, 223, 226, 280, 293, 295, 298, 301, 305, 314, 322, 324, 335, 355, 357, 369, 379, 371, 381, 382, 384, 386, 393, 399, 409, 412, 415, 416, 427, 429, 434, 438, 452, 459, 470, 475, 478, 479, 482, 508, 509, 516, 521, 523, 525, 528, 529, 530, 537, 571, 594, 622, 626, 645, 660, 663, 683, 719, 726, 749, 750, 754, 769, 839, 847, 850, 881, 926, 937, 966, 1001, 1009, 1016, 1029, 1057, 1074, 1162, 1241, 1307, 1438, 1443, 1444, 1456, 1461, 1465, 1474, 1479, 1488, 1495, 1500, 1514, 1534, 1537, 1611, 1619, 1668, and R. C. P. 2, R. C. P. 4, R. C. P. 5, R. C. P. 34, R. C. P. 42, R. C. P. 45, R. C. P. 47 and R. C. P. 51.

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JNO. PERRIE,

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HOME AND SOCIETY

Edmonton

"Lent," said a woman dreamily, over the tea-cups one day this week. "Lent, why do we not ever dream we had a speaking acquaintance with the season. I believe I've been gay, and attempted more these last two weeks than I did all winter."

And so it seems to have been. But seriously considering the question, what have we done but drunk tea, chatted a bit, and had a few friends quietly in of an evening? I think it is the frequency of the breaks in the monotony rather than the distractions themselves that have deceived us into imagining we have been naughty.

The popularity of a number of the members' wives and relations is a noticeable feature in this year's entertaining. Of course one always entertains the guests of the session, but somehow this year there seems a heartiness in making much of them, that I have often missed. Tea after tea in the same house I see the same faces, until I have come myself looking for the pretty little woman from High River, charming Miss from somewhere else, but—

I mustn't be particularizing. All week long stray fair enthusiasts have journeyed over the hill to hear the Spell-Binders at the House make their sensational charges and replies. Not alone men love a scrap it would seem, but if hopes ran high, fulfillment fell very far short of producing anything even verging on the sensational. Members wandered on with letter-cases large enough to justify a Gun-Powder Plot, but all they set off was squibs that hadn't even a decent sizzle to them. Friday we are promised something approaching a row, but dear knows, it seems a case of "Oh Promise Me," with the usual result.

Sitting there sunning myself one afternoon, like an old tortoise-shell cat, waiting for something to turn up, I was reminded of a certain delicious rural chairman back east, who invariably prefaced the appearance of some local Solon's efforts with these words: "Now, friends, as I see you are all on the 'quiver vivie' of excitement, I will call on Brother So and So for a talk."

"Quiver-vivie," promised so much and realized such boredom. I was on the quiver-vivie of excitement on several afternoons this week, and the nearest thing I saw that looked fierce was Mr. Boyle's moustache, and the little love-spat between the Junior Member for Calgary, (please be accurate in mentioning the Junior), and the Attorney-General, and that we knew was play-acting.

Mr. Cushing, who promised so much, lulled me with his gentle little speeches.

Friday we're off—perhaps.

On Tuesday afternoon apparently the whole town turned out to call on the wives of the members registered at the King Edward; the public reception room and private parlor leading off from it, being thronged with a perfect regiment of smartly-gowned women. The hostesses of the afternoon were Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Riley, and Miss Smith. Mrs. Cross, wife of the Attorney-General, assisting them in their arduous duties. All were wearing very pretty frocks, Mrs. Cross being gowned in a charming Paris creation in a lovely shade of brown, with a jaunty black fox turban, Mrs. Cushing looking very stately in handsome black velvet, Mrs. Walker in old rose cloth of satin with quantities of sou-tache braiding and rich passementerie, Mrs. Roberts, a picture in pale blue voile, Mrs. Riley, a modish gown in wistaria, and Miss Smith an attractive toilette of rich black with silver net garniture and passementerie. The host of daffodils of which Wordsworth wrote so exquisitely, surely lived again in the dozens upon dozens of golden heads that nodded from every corner of the room.

At one end two tables were daintily spread, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Harcourt pouring the first hour, and Mrs. Riley and Mrs. McLeod the second.

Mrs. Alan Fraser and Miss Shibley will be the hostesses of the curling tea this (Thursday) afternoon.

Mrs. Brelin's friends have been enjoying the uniquely-delightful hospitality of her famous "caboose" at several tiny teas during the week.

Miss Crosskill will be the hostess of a "Pincushion Tea" in aid of Christ Church today (Thursday).

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Mrs. McKenzie wore a smart tail-

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(Continued from Page Three.)

ored costume in a lovely shade of fawn, with a modish fur turban, and Miss Henry was also in the same becoming shade with a hat en suite. The assistants in the tea room were Mrs. Horace Harvey, Mrs. Cautley and Mrs. Belcher, with the Misses Forin, Belcher, Webster and Potter assisting. The table was aglow with golden daffodils and the belle and beau of the party were Baby Hislop, a little beauty, and her sturdy big brother "Ollie."

The second tea on Wednesday was an equally happy gathering, a cosy grate fire and a refreshing cup of tea proving irresistibly inviting on so brisk an afternoon. Mrs. Hislop re-

ceived in the cosy library wearing a very attractive frock of apple-green satin with cream point d'esprit yoke and sleeves, some lovely diamond ornaments, and her hair most becomingly dressed in a Grecian knot arranged with a silver bandeau. A number of guests from over the river came on to participate in the pleasant affair, while all of the visitors in town seemed present.

Again daffodils quenced it on the tea table, the tall cut-glass vase, resting on a handsome lace centre-piece, outlined with maiden-hair fern and the yellow petals of these lovely flowers. Tiny vases of the same stood at the four corners, creating a further pretty touch.

Those assisting were: Mrs. Cornwall in a stunning gown of peacock-shaded green crepe de chine, exquisitely made and trimmed, with a handsome black picture hat; Mrs. D. S. Mackenzie in pretty soft blue and a stylish chapeau, and Mrs. Ferris attractively gowned in black; Miss Forin, Miss Ethel Webster, Miss Maud McKenny, Miss Belcher and Miss Potter.

The enjoyment of both afternoons was added to very materially by Miss Potter and Miss Webster, who rendered several numbers in splendid voice.

I see that my Mirror article is again mutilated this week, the printers in making one small correction making a hundred worse blunders. I can think of nothing more exasperating than being made to appear thus foolish, but why kick against the pricks; printers are busy men, they simply won't stop to think, one can only trust to the mercy of one's readers.

Mrs. Blain's reception on Monday afternoon, a bitterly cold day with a cutting wind blowing, demonstrated surely the popularity of this young matron. Outdoors King Winter ruled with an iron hand; within doors Spring, a Spring of yellow tulips and tender green things, and daffodils and warmth and sunlight, held the sceptre. No more strikingly effective contrast could possibly have been conceived, and guests seemed to drink in long past the appointed time to drink in the hope of such exquisite days to come.

The cheery little den was at all time a popular rendezvous, while the tea and reception rooms were crowded. The hostess received in a striking toilette of black silk grenadine over old gold satin, and gave everyone a happy word of welcome. With her were Mrs. Stuart of Calgary, and Mrs. Roberts of High River, both wearing becoming frocks, and Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Jack Anderson and Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie assisting.

The tea table was a particularly charming arrangement, a long green gondola-shaped boat filled with yellow tulips floating away on a mirror pond encircled with smilax, while golden daffodils filled little vases at the four corners. Everyone was saying "how lovely and artistic," and coming back for just another peep. Yellow-shaded electroliers, ice sweets and other refreshments carried out the color note. An artistic tea, if I have ever seen one.

Here Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Hislop and Mrs. Cornwall presided, while Miss Hardy, Miss Addie Belcher, Miss Potter and Miss Forin were a bevy of pretty assistants. In the evening Mrs. Blain gave these lucky girls her house for a dance, when Sita's Orchestra furnished splendid music, and everyone had a perfectly lovely time.

Mrs. Murphy of Winnipeg has been a very much admired bride at many of the week's festivities, while Mrs. Fontaine, the wife of one of the C.T.P. engineers, was one of the handsomely frocked women at Mrs. Blain's tea.

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A Boston Historian Throws Some Light on Men and Incidents of the Revolution

James Henry Stark, a Boston historian, has provoked much criticism and abuse by statements contained in his latest book "The Loyalists of Massachusetts and the Other side of the American Revolution." Mr. Stark calmly states that his book contains truths which he has gathered after years of research and which other historians have willfully passed by.

Its pages teem with facts that demolish the altars erected to Massachusetts' heroes of the Revolution and are extremely humiliating to families who pride themselves on the immaculacy of their ancestry.

A Sore Touch

Patriotic societies in Boston, such as the Sons of the Revolution, are deeply aroused as the book contains many damaging statements that cannot be refuted. Concerning the cause of the American Revolution, Mr. Stark's book says: "In Virginia the revolutionary movement of the poor whites, or 'crackers' led by Patrick Henry, was against the planter aristocracy. It was only very slowly and very deliberately that Washington identified himself with the disunionist cause."

Concerning Patrick Henry

"Patrick Henry was one of the most unrelatable men living. He had been successively a storekeeper, a farmer, and a shopkeeper, but he failed in all these pursuits and became a bankrupt at twenty-four. Then he studied law a few weeks and practiced a few years. Finally he embarked on the stormy sea of politics. One day he worked himself into a fine frenzy and in a most dramatic manner demanded 'Liberty or death' although he had both freely at his disposal."

This One a Defaulter

"John Adams joined the disunionists, probably because he saw that if the revolution was successful there would be great opportunity for advancement under the new government. This proved to be the case."

That Samuel Adams was a defaulter Mr. Stark proves by a copy of a letter sent by Mr. Adams to the town of Boston, of which he was the tax collector. Mr. Adams' sureties had to pay \$5,000.

Of the Boston massacre the book says:

"The rioters repeatedly challenged the soldiers to fire if they dared, and the torrent of coarse and profane abuse poured upon the soldiers is astonishing, even in its echoes across the century and would furnish material for an appropriate inscription in the Attucks Monument."

Boston Tea Party.

Of the Boston Tea party, he says: "The illegal seizure of tea was in a certain sense parallel to the so-called 'respectable' mob which on the 11th day of August, 1834, destroyed the Charlestown convent, and a year after nearly killed Garrison and made the jail his only place of refuge."

Many of the signers of the Declaration

of independence were smugglers. Mr. Stark asserts, and John Hancock, while having the name of being a "fair" trader, was in reality the owner of one of the smuggling vessels. Concerning Mr. Hancock's connection with Harvard College, Stark writes:

Harvard College

"In 1773 John Hancock was elected treasurer of Harvard College. The amount of the college funds paid over to him was upwards of fifteen thousand and four hundred pounds, and like his friend, Samuel Adams, he too proved a defaulter. For twenty years the corporation begged and entreated him to make restitution. They threatened to prosecute him and also to put his bond in suit, as Adams' was, but it was of no avail. He turned a deaf ear to their entreaties, and it was only after his death in 1793, that his heirs made restitution to the college, when a settlement was made, in 1795, in which the college lost five hundred and twenty six dollars interest."

"President Josiah Quincy, of Harvard, later asserted that these defalcations hurt the university considerably, and that it would be grateful to pass over in silence the extraordinary course he pursued in his official relation to Harvard College had truth and fidelity to history permitted."

"B. Franklyn, Mail Thief."

In a chapter on the life of Thomas Hutchinson, a loyalist, Stark submits proofs of his claims that Benjamin Franklin, when sixty-seven years old, was dismissed from his position as Boston's postmaster because he rifled the mail boxes. He tells in detail how Franklin was tried in England and banished in disgrace from the service.

Mr. Stark is a prominent business man of Boston, head of the Photo-Electro-plate Company, of Boston. He is also prominent in club life, being a founder of the Dorchester Historical Society, South Boston Yacht Club, Savin Hill Yacht Club, president of the British Charitable Association, vice-president of the Victorian Club, and a member of the New England Genealogical Society. He was born in London, but came to Boston at the age of eight, and was educated in the local schools. He lives in Dorchester.

In the private ward of a hospital there was recently a testy old man of wealth whose case gave the physician considerable difficulty at first.

"Well," said the crusty patient one morning, "how do you find me this morning?"

"You're getting on fine," responded the doctor, rubbing his hands with an air of satisfaction. "Your legs are still swollen but that doesn't trouble me."

"Of course it doesn't," howled the old man. "And let me tell you this: If your legs were swollen it wouldn't trouble me either!"



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He is a hairdresser named Raoul Guet, aged twenty-five, carrying on business at 86 Rue de la Trachee, Poitiers. Guet was shaving a customer when a bank clerk called to inform him that he was the winner of £40,000. The barber was astonished. He left off shaving his customer and sat down dumb with surprise.

He then explained the had bought the ticket for 16s., in partnership with two of his friends—Tranchant, a baker, or the Route de Bordeaux, and the latter's journeyman, a man named Aubigeau. Although it was Guet, the barber, who had actually bought the ticket, Tranchant had paid 8s. and the others 4s. apiece, it being agreed that in the event of anything being won Tranchant was to take half and the other half was to be divided evenly between his journeyman and the barber. Tranchant thus gets £20,000 and the others £10,000 each.

"We signed an agreement to this effect," explained Guet, "and we agreed that if we won anything less than £2 the money was to be spent on a dinner."

"I have been in business as a barber for a year," he went on, "and eight months ago I married the daughter of a sergeant in the gendarmier. My first thought was for my old father, away at home in Touraine. He is a mechanic. He has been too poorly for

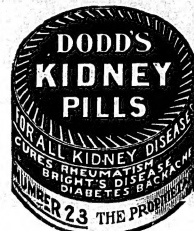
some time to work, and is badly off. I am telegraphing the good news to him, for now he shall want for nothing."

"But Guet resumed shaving his customer. I shall give up this business," he said, "and hand over this hairdressing saloon to one of my friends."

Tranchant, the baker, has been married for five years, and has a little three-year-old daughter.

"I shall work a little longer," he said, "till my second workman is able to take over the business, and then I shall retire. See, here comes my first hand, Aubigeau, who is as happy as I am myself over this streak of luck. He has been to tell his sweet-heart, and they are to be married almost immediately."

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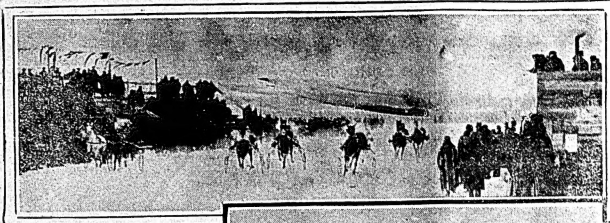
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HERE AND THERE

It will be noticed that my late dissertation on matrimony was most timely, as others are really sitting up and taking note. Even everybody's has a little story on the subject, and says: "The teacher was describing the dolphin and its habits. 'And, children,' she said most impressively, 'a single dolphin will have two thousand offspring.'"

"Goodness!" gasped a little girl in the back row, "and how about the married ones?"

The Washington Star has this to say:

"Do you think that you can make my daughter happy?"

"She has been happy with you, hasn't she?" replied the confident youth.

"I think so, sir."

"Well, if she's that easy to please, there ought to be no difficulty."

From a daily paper I culled the following:

"If you are determined to write, don't hang around home. Go off to some place where nobody else has ever been or wants to go, then write about that place. Romance about it."

"No one will know better and you will be considered great."

"Don't write about anything that is well known. You will be laughed at and, worse, not read. People will know at once how great you are not."

"Or, if you cannot afford to go away, at least you can buy an encyclopedia. Read in it about the most inaccessible places and then invest them with impossible happenings."

"It is easy to write. It is especially easy to write about things that are unfamiliar. That's why the subject of heaven is so popular."

"A writing is without profit in its own country."

This scraplet is full of delicate hints and is very suggestive, probably explains why some of us who tell the truth have never been heard of.

Many of the greatest magazine articles we read, about places we know, are written by people who were there perhaps a few minutes or passed by in the train. We prefer sugar-coated pills in most forms, truth disguised or come by a round-about way.

I have been in a good many new places myself, but I usually find it takes about a year to really learn a little about a place, i.e., as the natives know it, and two years' residence gives you a little better knowledge.

After that the novelty wears off and we don't see things so acutely. Writers, nowadays, are paid fabulous sums for passing a few hours in a place, then writing it up, but results do not bear out the expenditure, which fact boards of trade and others are beginning to find out.

The magazine reading public is not always the one that migrates. The magazine's reading public reads, wonders, throws the book down and passes on. The man who wants to come here wants to "know." He's often from Missouri and requires to be shown. It would be better to have people write up the country that know it, so that those who want to come here would obtain the necessary facts that their hearts are yearning for. In this case truth would catch the right people, the days of romance are gone by in that line.

"Romance about it, lie about it," says our friends above, "and you will be considered great. Don't write about anything that is well known. If you do then you put it in the power of so many to pick holes in what you say."

There is no one who knows so much about a thing as the man who

can't do it. More literature has been compiled about things nobody knows anything about, and never will, than could possibly be computed by ordinary mathematics.

That's why they write so much about Mars, but all the starchy has been knocked out of the Marsies lately and the canals have vanished into smoke.

Thus our most cherished views fall one by one, but we go on reading what never happened and couldn't happen. And, if some one gives a lecture upon Science, or what really "is," there are those who turn up the whites of their eyes in holy horror, or stuff cotton-wool in their ears so that they may not hear what their own creator did, is doing, will do and will continue to do for all eternity, whether we refuse to know it or not.

After all is said and done, we are but discarded chemicals that have been made over again, and when we dissolve someone else absorbs our portion and goes on again. Thus it is for ages and ages.

Some time ago "Truth" had a little story that fits in. Newsboy to young lady, sitting in the train, "Truth, Miss, Truth!"

"No, thank you, I prefer the World."

If you are engaged to write and write too much truth you may lose your job. This is a useful hint to beginners. The art of making things appear as they are not will gain you a host of friends, and you'll get on in this world, but you're taking a big chance with the next. Still, even those who go to church a good deal forget all about that. They will repent just at the end. So they say.

Drifting along without too much thought let us ponder on the following:

"One day a certain man was standing by the roadside in an idle moment, examining his soul, when a woman came along, and looking over his shoulder saw what he was doing."

Then the woman took her soul out also, and putting it by the side of his said:

"Here, take my soul. Let it stay with yours. You may look after them together."

"The man rather protested against this. It was too much for him, he said, to look after two souls. The responsibility was too great. But the woman insisted, and in the end had her way. The man took the two souls. And in a short time he became greatly attached to the soul that the woman had given to him, and looked upon it as his own, and loved it. As for the woman, she walked contentedly by his side."

By and by another woman—she was younger and prettier than the first—came along and saw the man with the soul of the other woman, and she said to the man:

"Pardon me, could I see you alone for just a moment?"

"Certainly," said the man, who suspected nothing, although the woman

whose soul he possessed endeavored to stop him.

"I will be back in a moment," he said to her.

"Pretty soon the second woman came back and said:

"Here is your soul, and also the soul of the man. I do not need them."

"What did you give him?" asked the first woman sorrowfully, "in exchange?"

"I gave him," replied the other, "my heart."—Thos. L. Masson.

Could we but only look forward, as well as we can backwards, what a much better world we could make of it. Foresight is better than hindsight, but hard to find; and we have very little to do with running this universe. Hence, our pride.

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C. E. Stewart, of Woodstock, Ontario, was here for a short stay during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh and A. L. Houden, of Vancouver, spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. Jas. Mills of Fifteenth avenue west entertained on Thursday and Friday evenings at cards.

Mrs. Bertrano Binning entertained the O.U.R. club on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. F. Piper, Third avenue west, received on Tuesday, and will receive afterwards every fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Misses Sanderson, of Macleod, are guests of their sister Miss Clara Sanderson, of the Marlborough Apartments. Miss Sanderson entertained on Friday evening at whist, and on Saturday afternoon at a Kensington tea in honor of her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daloe, of Glenora, who has been spending the week in Edmonton, left on the noon train for their home.

Mrs. Mordaunt Kensit, 831 Thirtieth avenue west, received Thursday afternoon for the first time this season.

Mrs. Cruikshank will give one of her very delightful lectures on Tuesday evening, March 1st, in the school of the Church of the Redeemer. The subject will be "The Poet Henry."

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Garbutt, Twelfth avenue west, entertained at a jolly valentine party. Mrs. Garbutt was pretty and charming in a cream point d'esprit over pink taffeta, with trimmings of rich lace. The drawing room was adorned with fragrant daffodils, while the living room was prettily done in pink carnations, with ferns and potted plants in bloom. A lively evening was spent in various Valentine games. Among those who enjoyed them were Miss Harper, Miss Spicer, Miss MacKenzie, Mrs. Hood, Miss Quarrie, the Misses Howson, Rev. Short, Mr. Runions, Mr. Hood, Mr. Romanes, Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. Pearson and Rev. Tuttle.

Mrs. Lafferty and Mrs. Short were

"at home" to a large number of friends on Thursday at the tea hour. The large and spacious rooms were filled with a merry chatter, the hostesses making one and all most welcome. The tea table was lovely with jougals and a silver candelabra at each end.

Mrs. Turner-Bone, Mrs. Loughheed, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Harris presided at the tea and coffee pots; while Mrs. Sharpe cut the ices.

Brightness was imparted by the light and pretty costumes of Miss McCullough, Miss Pearce, Miss Griffiths, Miss Young, Miss Jessie Glanville and Mrs. Helliwell. The assistants with much thoughtfulness looked after the comfort of the guests.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Macfarland was hostess at a very enjoyable Kensington tea in honor of the guests were: Mrs. Green, Mrs. Jephson, Mrs. Grogan, Mrs. Turner-Bone, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Pirie, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Harris and Miss Lilly.

On Thursday Mrs. Herman Mewburn gave a most delightful luncheon in honor of Mrs. Jennings of Edmonton. Covers were laid for seven. The place cards consisted of clever limericks done by the hostess.

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work ranks in importance with "The Messiah," and is considered even more difficult of execution. As on past occasions a splendid chorus of over ninety voices will perform the work. For months the members of the chorus have worked diligently and are sure to give a good account of themselves. The soloists will be Miss Ethel Webster (soprano), Miss Florence Lansdown (contralto), W. J. Hendra (tenor), and Alfred McIsaac (baritone), as "Elijah." The First Presbyterian church is sure to be packed on both nights.

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